

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.112

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated December 14, 2005. The period for response is extended three months, from March 14, 2006, to June 14, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 8.

The Remarks begin on page 14.

An Appendix which includes a replacement drawing sheet for Figures 3 and 4 is attached following page 20 of this paper.